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STATEMENT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, issued the following statement today:

Public allegations have been made that Jackson County Prosecutor Michael Sanders is the subject of a federal investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Those allegations are false. Neither Sanders nor the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office are targets or subjects in any federal investigation.

It is the policy of the Department of Justice that we shall not respond to questions about the existence or non-existence of an investigation. However, due to the substantial publicity received by incorrect allegations of a criminal investigation of a law enforcement official, this release of information is in the public's interest. This is in accordance with the United States Attorneys Manual, Section 1-7.530, "Disclosure of Information Concerning Ongoing Investigations."

No additional comments will be made regarding this issue.

Additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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